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highways of federal routes of cities and villages and to pay the interest on and to retire any such bonds by pledging funds received from the highway allocation funds. This has nothing to do with any parking garages any place. In essence, what we have done, where the cities, villages, counties, in the past could pledge these revenues and I guarantee the bonds and get some roads built, it can not now be done except by a vote of the people. And I suspect that in the future, if we will not have much of the construction we have now had going on. Now I think this is very inappropriate to take this backward step. I'm not sure that Senator Chambers wanted it, maybe he did. He could have written his amendment in such a way that it would only be or affected parking facilities. But he chose also to loop in all roads that can now be built. I think this is a very dangerous amendment for the benefit of our cities, counties and villages. If it's allowed to stand. I'd like to see this stricken. I'm not going to twist any arms on Final Reading. Then you can do what you will. I move to return this bill to Select File to strike this amendment that is going to put jeopardy on all of our highways.

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion on the desk. I move that we adjourn until 9 o'clock. Signed, Senator Clark.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adjourn until 9 o'clock. If you support the motion vote aye. If not vote no. The motion is to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Motion is to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. If you support the motion vote aye. If not vote no. The motion is to adjourn. Once again, the Chair's going to ask have you all voted? All right, the Clerk will record.

CLERK: 16 nays, 18 ayes.

PRESIDENT: The motion to adjourn is lost. Now, Senator Fowler, back to you. Still discussing the Select File. To return for specific amendment LB678.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I'd oppose this motion to reconsider our action this afternoon. I don't see why people should be afraid of a vote of the citizens on a bond issue if a parking garage or for highways is written into law for several other things. If the people Senator Stahmer indicates perhaps construction will lag. If that's so, it's only because the people no longer want highways going around the extent that they have. I see no reason to bring this back. It's solid the way it is to let the citizens vote on this project. I oppose this motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak, Senator Chambers and then Senator Syas.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I have to say again that I didn't do this thing by subterfuge. I mentioned when the bill first came out of my committee that I was opposed to it. That I would try to kill it unless a motion was accepted which would allow an amendment to be placed on this bill requiring a vote of the people. I spent quite a bit of time explaining the amendment. I spent quite a bit of time saying what the bill would do. I think at that point anybody who was paying attention would have understood but I have something from the Lincoln Star here.